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President
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GENERAL MEETING: 18th July 2011

The meeting opened at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Phil Murphy President, John Jeffery Secretary, Allen Wonson Assistant Secretary, delegates as per attendance register.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: The minutes of the general meeting of the 4th July 2011 as tabled were received on a motion moved Smithfield seconded by Oxley Park. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Adoption of the minutes moved Liverpool City seconded by Seven Hills. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per Agenda:

1. Email re: Pricing of Life Rings.
2. Renewal application form – Voluntary workers insurances.

Received on the night.

1. Nomination for the position of President 2012 season received from Phil Murphy.
2. Nomination for a position on the Management Committee 2012 received from Paul Vassallo.
3. Notification of Squeaker Sale Races:
 - a. St Marys – Girilambone – 21.08.2011
 - b. Merrylands – 3rd South Grafton – 27.08.2011
 - c. Punchbowl/Bankstown – 3rd South Grafton – 27.08.2011
 - d. Illawarra – 2nd South Grafton – 20.08.2011

Correspondence received moved Smithfield seconded by Parramatta. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

Correspondence adopted moved Hills District seconded by Penrith. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Letter to the Clubs:
 - a. re: Change to the North Coast Route and distances for same.
 - b. re: Young Bird Derby information.

LIBERATION REPORTS:

2nd Dunedoo – 25.06.2011

355 Flyers – 6211 Birds.

Departed Fairfield 9.30pm Friday – Arrived at the race point (Dunedoo) 2.22am Saturday.

One hour prior to the liberation the temperature was 6.3 deg – Wind from the East. Clear with excellent visibility

Liberation time 9.30 am - temperature 8.2 deg – wind from the East.

Clear with excellent visibility – Wind strength 7.4

1st mob of approximately 1500 birds cleared towards the South in 6 minutes.

2nd mob of approximately 1500 birds cleared towards the South in 9 minutes.

3rd mob of approximately 2000 birds cleared towards the South East in 66 minutes.

4th mob of approximately 200 birds cleared towards the South East in 19 minutes.

5th mob of approximately 200 birds cleared towards the South in 24 minutes.

1st Gunnedah – 2.07.2011

349 Flyers – 5455 Birds.

Departed Fairfield 9.00pm Friday – Arrived at the race point (Gunnedah) 4.00am Saturday.

One hour prior to the liberation the temperature was 9.7 deg – Wind from the South East. Clear with excellent visibility

Liberation time 9.00 am - temperature 12.4 deg – wind from the South East.

Clear with excellent visibility – Wind strength 9.9

1st mob of approximately 3500 birds cleared towards the South in 15 minutes.

2nd mob of approximately 1000 birds cleared towards the South East in 32minutes.

2nd Gunnedah – 9.07.2011

349 Flyers – 5455 Birds.

Departed Fairfield 9.00pm Friday – Arrived at the race point (Gunnedah) 3.454am Saturday.

One hour prior to the liberation the temperature was 3.6 deg – Wind from the North. Clear with excellent visibility

Liberation time 9.00 am - temperature 5.4 deg – wind from the North.

Clear with excellent visibility – Wind strength 6.8

1st mob of approximately 2700 birds cleared towards the S/SW in 9 minutes.

2nd mob of approximately 500 birds cleared towards the S/SW in 17 minutes.

3rd mob of approximately 100 birds cleared towards the South in 25 minutes.

ACCOUNTS:-

- Accounts totalling \$6430.21 presented for payment. (Breakdown as follows)

Admin Wages (2 weeks) - \$1150.00, Liberator wages (2 week) - \$945.00, Drivers wages (2 week) - \$1650.00, Loaders wages (2 weeks) – \$672.00, Magazine Printing - \$233.64, Fuel (Liberators Unit) - \$101.01, Travelling allowance (mileage) - \$96.00, Rent (Parking Unit) - \$220.00, Trailer Repairs - \$414.87, Liberators unit (service) - \$369.55. Stationery - \$87.74, Internet - \$40.00, Ink Cartage - \$21.95, Feed - \$399.00, Gas bottle refill - \$29.45.

Also a further \$875.00 prize money was paid out - Mudgee & Dunedoo Two Birders.

Accounts passed for payment moved Illawarra seconded by Rooty Hill. Carried

COMMITTEE MEETING:

The minutes of the Committee meeting 4th July 2011 as tabled, received on a motion moved Blacktown seconded by Punchbowl/Bankstown. Carried

Business Arising: St Marys delegate queried the two cents increase in the price of the 2011 life rings.

Adoption of the Committee meeting minutes moved Hills District seconded by Ku Ring Gai. Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary John Jeffery advised the delegates of the misprint on the schedules issued to the Clubs. The two-birder is on the 1st Ballina, not the 3rd South Grafton.

BUSINESS FROM THE CLUBS:

Blacktown:

Delegate advised:

- a. Show race was held on the 2nd Gunnedah – Results 1st T.Steed, 2nd K & C.Gambell, 3rd J.Farrugia.
- b. Blue Ring Race will be held this coming weekend, same as the Mt Druitt Squeaker Sale Race, Mt Druitt will have preference on the liberation time.

Campbelltown City:

Delegate reminded the meeting of their second squeaker sale race being held from the 1st Ballina, competing for 70% of the prize money. Their 1st Squeaker race from the 2nd Gunnedah was won by V & P.Vassallo, second was R.Betalnd.

Marayong/Quakers Hill:

Delegate advised their Squeaker Sale Race will be held from the 2nd Coffs Harbour.

Mt Druitt:

Delegate advised that their Squeaker Sale race will be held this coming weekend.

Penrith:

Delegate advised their Blue Ring Race will be held from 2nd South Grafton. Copy of the flyers entry sheet to the Penrith representative on basketing night, result to the Penrith Club room by 10.00 on ring off night. Phone 0410596349.

Punchbowl/Bankstown:

Delegate spoke on the following:

- a. The possibility of group liberations.
- b. Members can purchase life rings cheaper from the APFA.
- c. Has work started on the new trailer?
- d. The possibility of selling the large unit and replacing it with two smaller units.
- e. Spoke on the problems honey producers are having with their bees.

Seven Hills:

Delegate advised that their Squeaker Sale Race will be held from the 1st Ballina.

Smithfield:

Delegate advised that their Squeaker Sale Race will be held from the 2nd Coffs Harbour.

Sutherland:

Delegate spoke on the following:

- a. How is the weather information obtained, to decide on a liberation? Is it solely internet? Nick Kaparos (Liberation Committee member) advised the delegates that the internet is used along with ground contact at several locations between the race point and home.
- b. Also suggested a website – surf cam - coast watch.
- c. Spoke on the cost of life rings purchased by the SCF.

Wentworthville: Delegate advised that their Ring Race will be held from the 2nd South Grafton.

There was also further discussion on birds homing hawked.

It was reported that a carrier turned up at the loading point with the birds uncovered. Clubs are reminded to have a cover over the birds, when travelling between their Club room and Fairfield Showground loading point.

A report was given on the feeding of the birds under the new system of inserting the feed trough inside the basket. It was noted that all the birds were able to feed without pushing and shoving.

It is very necessary for Clubs to indicate on the end of each basket the number of birds it contains. This saves the liberator valuable time of having to check each basket. The best method is to use marsking tape and stick it on the steel plate near the hole for the trough. It was found tags tied on could interfere with the birds coming out of the baskets.

The liberator fed the birds in three rows of baskets on each side then went back to do the next lot and it was noted before the trough could be used again they needed to be wiped out as they were soiled by watery droppings, of which some were not the best colour. Feeding the birds under this method it is a two man job. On this occasion there were 206 baskets and it took 90 minutes to complete the feeding.

With what was noted on this feeding it would be advisable for the Federation to purchase a feed trough for each basket. This would enable the liberator and driver to feed all the birds in clean troughs and then as they are removed from the birds after the feeding is completed, they could be washed or wiped out before storing away for the next feed.

To assist the liberator to identify Clubs baskets, Clubs are requested to have their Club prefix on the end door.

No further business. Meeting Closed.

Next meeting: 1st August 2011

Allen Wonson.

Assistant Secretary.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 18th July 2011

PRESENT: Phil Murphy, John Jeffery, Jeff Jones, Greg McLaughlin, Kevin Gambell, Warren Schofield, John Hubble, Paul Vassallo, Bob Sunderland. Nick Kaparos. Vince Pedavoli, Aldo Cassisi.

Minute Secretary: Allen Wonson.

Agenda:

There was a general discussion on the system the Federation conducts it's racing over the five year cycle. A proposed flying programme was put forward for consideration.

The proposed programme is to fly on the wiper system. Flying two different routes each season, commencing the season with an any aged bird series for approximately 16 races and then following on conducting a young bird series only over an 8 race programme. For example:

- 2012 – North West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2013 West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
South West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2014 South West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
South Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2015 South Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
South West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2016 South West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2017 West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
North West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2018 North West Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
North Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.
- 2019 North Route – 16 races – Any Age Bird Series.
North West Route – 8 races – Young Birds Only Series.

Suggested race points for the 2012 North West/West Season.

Any Age Series.

North West Route. 16 Races.

Capertee x 2
Mudgee x 2
Dubbo x 2
Nevertire x 2
Girilambone x 2
Byrock x 2
Bourke x 2
Cunnamulla x 1
Charleville x 1

Young Birds Only Series. To commence after the completion of the Any Age Series.

West Route. 8 Races.

Kelso x 2
Orange x 2
Forbes x 2
Condobolin x 1
Hillston x 1 (YBD)

Under the above system members would have the choice of racing their young birds in the any age series as well as the young bird series or hold onto to their young birds and race them in the young bird series to educate them for the following year.

We know flyers are not keen on changing the current system, however a sponsorship of \$5000.00 has been offered for prize money for the young bird series, if the above programme is implemented.

There was also another proposal put forwarded of having a two tier series programme for the North West Route 2012 season. Old Bird and Young Bird series.

Old Bird Series.

5 & 12.05.2012	Capertee
19 & 26.05.2012	Mudgee
2 & 9.06.2012	Dubbo
16 & 23.06.2012	Nevertire
30.06 & 7.07.2012	Girilambone
14 & 21.07.2012	Byrock
28.07.2012	Bourke
4.08.2012	Cunnamulla (on trailer)
11.08.2012	Charleville (on trailer)
*6.10.2012	Bourke AAD (on trailer)

Young Bird Series.

4 & 11.08.2012	Capertee (main truck)
18 & 25.08.2012	Mudgee
1 & 8.09.2012	Dubbo
15 & 22.09.2012	Nevertire
29.09 & *6.10.2012	Girilambone
*13.10.2012	Byrock
*13.10.2012	Girilambone YBD (on trailer)

This above schedule would be provisional on the new trailer being ready. If not available then this programme could be adjusted accordingly.

However to adopt these types of race programmes a few minor changes would need to be made to the current racing rules.

Further discussion on these will be conducted over the next few weeks.

The renewal of the voluntary workers insurance was discussed as it was due for renewal.

There was a general discussion on the proposed North West Sprint races and if they can have access to the Federation website and liberation phone line. Permission was not granted for them to have access to these facilities. Distances will be supplied on request.

Next meeting: 1st August 2011.

Allen Wonson. Minute Secretary.